ICIJ members call on Argentina's courts to protect and preserve freedom of the press in handling allegations against journalist Daniel Santoro

Argentine journalist Daniel Santoro has been a member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists for two decades. Throughout, we have admired his integrity and skill. His stories often discomfited powerful people and institutions in Argentina and beyond.

We are now gravely concerned about the <u>accusations</u> carried against Santoro by Argentina's federal justice. We worry that the case – and the reported probing of Santoro's communications – undermines the confidentiality of journalistic sources, one of the cornerstones of an open society.

ICIJ and its members around the world will monitor closely Santoro's case. We call on argentine courts to follow due process, respect the law and guarantee that freedom of expression is not threatened.

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